***Offertory Donations:***

This Week: €270.



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**Bohola/Shraheens Newsletter**

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**Fifth Sunday of Easter – 2nd May 2021**

###### Masses for the Week

**Masses listed below will be live-streamed on the *Bohola Post Facebook Page* and broadcast locally on *Radio 105.5 FM*.**

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| **Sunday, May 2nd.** | **10.00am** | **P.J. Burke, Carragolda, & his parents, Patrick & Celia.****Frank McNicholas, Lismirrane, and deceased family.** |
| **Wednesday, May 5th.** | **7.00 – 9.00pm** | **Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament (private prayer).** |
| **Friday, May 7th.** | **8.00pm** | **For all the People.** |
| **Saturday, May 8th.** | **8.00pm Shraheens** | **Martin & Nan Foy and son, Mattie, Ara.** |
| ***Mass will be celebrated privately on other weekdays.*** |
| **Sunday, May 9th.** | **10.00am** | **For all the People.** |

***Return to Public Worship***

*As you will be aware from the Government announcement on Thursday last, churches can re-open for public worship from May 10th. This will be on the same basis as the re-openings after last year’s lockdowns – congregation limited to fifty with appropriate social distancing, wearing of face masks and hand sanitisation. While those who are fully vaccinated may feel safer returning to church, it is of the utmost importance that we all comply with these regulations so that the light at the end of the tunnel doesn’t turn into an oncoming train.*

*A safe return will not be possible without the help of stewards and cleaners and hopefully those who were so generous in offering their services last year will continue to do so again. New volunteers will be most welcome so that nobody will have to shoulder too much of the workload.*

*There will be a* ***virtual meeting of the Pastoral Council on Tuesday evening next at 8.30pm*** *to ensure that all is in readiness for the grand opening! It will be great to see people back in church again.*

***Recent Death:*** Please pray for the happy repose of the soul of *Nell Lavelle*, Ballyliffin, Co Donegal, cousin of the late Tom Lavelle, Lisgorman, who died on Sunday last, April 25th and whose funeral took place on Tuesday last. May she rest in peace.

***Galilee Spirituality Centre Online: In the Age of the Spirit:*** Four conversations for Eastertide, Tuesdays, 7.30 to 9.00pm. All Welcome. Booking and Zoom link: *info@galilee.ie*. €5 donation.

*Dr Cathriona Russell. Practising paradise: 'to be inventive, interpret reality and create art' (Laudato Sí, 81) Perspectives on Creation.* Tuesday next, May 4th: Cathriona teaches in the School of Religion, Trinity College. Her focus is on creation theology, environmental ethics, and bioethics. She studied and worked in horticulture for ten years.

***New Pilgrim Path Website of the Week, May 2nd:*** *Poetry – a Tuning Fork for the Divine*… Poetry has been described as capable of making one into a tuning fork of the Divine. Journey with Jesus is a weekly webzine of the global Presbyterian Church, which includes a poetry section offering over 300 poems by writers as diverse as Teresa of Avila, GK Chesterton, John Donne, Thomas Aquinas, Seamus Heaney, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Mary Oliver, and many, many more. Access it here: [***www.newpilgrimpath.ie***](http://www.newpilgrimpath.ie).

***Priesthood in Achonry Diocese:*** Fifth Sunday of Easter — May 2nd, 2021 …. *“It is to the glory of my Father that you should bear much fruit and then you will be my disciples.”* Are you being called to love the Lord and His people as a priest, sister or brother? Love demands truth and action. Speak to your local priest, call your Diocesan Vocation’s Director or email the National Vocations Office on *info@vocations.ie*. For further information contact our Vocations Director, **Fr Paul Kivlehan, The Presbytery, Ballaghaderreen, Co. Roscommon. Tel.094-9860011, Mobile 087-3683535, E-mail** ***pkivlehan@achonrydiocese.org***.

***National Synod for Irish Catholic Church:*** In March 2021, the Irish bishops Conference announced their intention to hold a National Synod within the next five years. The synodal pathway that we will embark on, invites us to journey together in discernment of what the Holy Spirit is saying to the people of God in Ireland at this time. The word ‘synod’ comes from the Greek words meaning “way together”. Together we will seek to find the way forward on our missionary journey.

The synodal pathway will be in three parts, the initial phase is a time of listening, consultation, discernment and prayer. The second phase will be of planning. The third will be the meeting of the synod itself. In order to begin phase one, the Bishops Conference is looking for feedback and submissions from parishes and people of faith, on what methods to adopt to facilitate the beginnings of the initial conversation. Submissions can be entered in the comment box provided on *catholicbishops.ie*, the website of the Irish Bishops Conference. Submissions must be made before Pentecost Sunday, 23rd May. We pray that this time may be a time of renewal and new hope for the Church in Ireland.

***Moy Davitts 50/50 Draw:*** Congratulations to Ann McGowan on winning €310 in the Moy Davitts 50/50 draw last Saturday morning. . A huge thank you to everyone who supported last week's draw, it is greatly appreciated. Tickets are available in the usual retail outlets and by clicking [*https://smartlotto.ie/Bohola-moy-davitts*](https://l.facebook.com/l.php?u=https%3A%2F%2Fsmartlotto.ie%2FBohola-moy-davitts%3Ffbclid%3DIwAR2-SMSQVJnLPM1gbMk8VYcVq5QSNWsE5b18UD-SHwPhuifGrX08SNDlJc8&h=AT0MiLZlj4q4DBPOl03vVXSokuVERXZawyK8tGPOdkMD6iUtbbGAIDrP1wUMXoHHwBpf8OCfEYLll7lUaWyYzni7elqLyyDX1hxrkiRT4iLddt75pWrUPCYemDN43SvOspaI&__tn__=-UK-R&c%5b0%5d=AT1bnP92vRmesJAH-zh16Oyc956taFyWxM0_3VLfj4QSf9SmpZw5cpQ61Vc5tvJdChYPj7SPty0LDMmT-1CuL0y1Dj6Ia-SpXR1Lif8cNpBMb3zmcNd83NlOLtCy4LEd6sxibGw9D72uG7DGqfgmtrvFR5ZcIPXTwnc_aJIQcIYHHlU6GWM4y_sHX7uH).

***Reminder from HSE for Everyone Aged 60 and Over to Register for COVID-19 Vaccine:*** We would like to remind everyone aged 65-69 to register for their COVID-19 vaccine through the HSE’s online registration system or on the phone with HSELive.

Following the success of the online registration for people aged 65-69, we are inviting those aged 60-64 to register from Friday, 23rd April. However, before we do, we want to remind those aged 65-69 who have yet to register to make sure to register as soon as possible. Everyone in this age group is now eligible to register including:

* frontline healthcare workers who haven’t gotten an appointment through their workplace
* people aged 65-69 who have a health condition that puts them at very high risk (vaccine allocation Group 4) and who haven’t been given an appointment through their hospital or healthcare team.

*Online registration – information for patients and service users:* People in this age group who are registering online will need their Personal Public Service Number (PPSN), their Eircode and an email address or a mobile phone number. A friend or family member can help.

If someone is finding it difficult to go online and register, they can ring HSELive for support on ***1850 241850***or ***01 2408787*** from 8am to 8pm, 7 days. If a person doesn’t have a PPSN they can register on the phone with HSElive. Once registered, the person will receive their vaccine appointment for the COVID-19 AstraZeneca vaccine.

If a person is deaf or hard of hearing, they can text HSELive on ***086 1800661*** to register for vaccination.

***COVID-19 Support Line for Older People:***Professional staff are available to answer queries and give advice and reassurance where necessary. The support line is open seven days a week, 8am to 8pm. The contact number is ***0818-222024***.

***Covid-19 Collect and Deliver Service:*** Local Link Mayo is offering a collect and deliver service in existing Local Link routes throughout Mayo from pharmacies and local shops, delivering shopping and critical medical supplies to the elderly, the vulnerable and sick. If you need such support or know someone who does, contact Local Link Mayo on ***094-9005150*** between 9:00am and 5:00pm (M-F) or email *mayo@locallink.ie*.

***Understanding Wisdom***

*A wise woman who was traveling in the mountains found a precious stone in a stream. The next day she met another traveller who was hungry, and the wise woman opened her bag to share her food.*

*The hungry traveller saw the precious stone and asked the woman to give it to him. She did so without hesitation. The traveller left, rejoicing in his good fortune. He knew the stone was worth enough to give him security for a lifetime. But a few days later he came back to return the stone to the wise woman.*

*"I've been thinking," he said, "I know how valuable the stone is, but I give it back in the hope that you can give me something even more precious. Please share with me what you have within you that enabled you to give me the stone without hesitation."*

*The wise woman laughed. "Young man, there is nothing more for me to share with you. By returning the stone you have shown that you already have what is most precious, within yourself as well. Your heart is open..."*

***One minute you’re young and fun***

***and the next minute you predict the weather with your bad knee!***